Title: Crisis in public sector fertilizer industries.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, very recently, BIFR had issued an order to wind up all units of Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation. As a result of it, I think, the country will be losing the self-reliance, particularly in the field of food security.

Sir, in our State of West Bengal, there are two fertiliser factories. If these factories are closed down, West Bengal will be without any fertiliser industry and it will be suffering a huge loss. My point is that the Haldia unit and the Durgapur unit of the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation can be revived very easily. I think, recently, the Government of India had taken a move to import the gas from Bangladesh and Myanmar. The exploration work has already started at the Digha high. So, there is every possibility of getting the gas.

If this gas is available, the feed stock will be cheaper. So, the fertiliser industry could also be revived.

So, in this situation, I would request the Government of India, the hon. Prime Minister as well as the hon. Minister of Fertiliser and Chemicals to take action to revive Haldia unit and Durgapur unit of HFC as early as possible and take our country in the direction of self-reliance.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri P.C. Thomas, though your notice was received after 10 o'clock, but as a special case, I am allowing you to raise the issue. Kindly finish your point within a minute.